

The Great Piano Contest Warming Up Nicely

THE PRIZES.

The first prize is a beautiful \$400 COTE PIANO and will be on exhibition within a short time. The second prize is a handsome \$62 SEWING MACHINE and the third prize is a LADIE'S \$25 WATCH. We are sure the girls of west Liberty and surrounding country will exert best efforts to win on of prizes, for it is not often an opportunity is offered.

HOW TO WIN.

The way to win this piano is by getting the largest number of votes. The contest is by getting SUBSCRIPTIONS to the LICKING VALLEY COURIER. Now the way to win is to enter at once and go right to work and ask your friends to give you their subscriptions and to help you to get others. Get an early start and do not let any one get ahead of you. A scale of votes will be found elsewhere in this paper. The nomination coupon and a free voting coupon will also be printed. Cut these out, fill in your name and send them in. It costs you nothing to enter.

RULES GOVERNING CONTEST.

- Any person of good repute may enter this contest by filling in the nomination coupon with their own name or by a friend sending in your name.
- Only one nomination coupon per person. A thousand votes will be allowed.
- All collections must be turned over to the contest manager and he will issue votes to you for the amount received.
- Votes once issued to one contestant cannot be transferred to another.
- Contestants are requested to give a receipt for all collections received.
- All collections must be in this office one week from the date they are secured or votes will not be allowed.
- Contest manager's signature must be attached to votes before they are of any value in the contest.
- Any question arising in regard to the contest will be settled by the contest manager and his decision will be final.
- At the close of the contest the ballots will be counted by a committee of appointed judges and the prizes will be awarded.
- No ballots can be bought but can only be won by subscriptions to the paper.
- Contestants are not restricted to any section but may get subscriptions anywhere in the United States.

If we were content to get along with what our parents got along with, living would be pretty cheap these days. I can remember when we got eight or nine pounds of light brown sugar for a dollar when we paid a dollar a pound for tea, and \$2 for a 20-pound sack of flour, and 25 cents for lico that we now get for 6 or 8 cents; and for \$2.50 we got a better pair of shoes than we now get for \$4.50, even if they didn't look like so "swell" in those days: 40 cents a gallon for kerosene and if father paid over \$7.50 for suit of clothes for me I was older than a king, while now cost from 18 to \$20 for a suit at isn't a bit better, although ther more sightly. Will M. Maun in Commoner.

We are in receipt of the belated intelligence that our county-in, Mr. W. A. Caskey, and ss Jennie Prichard, of Sandy ok, were married at Grayson, 9th inst. The contracting ties are very prominent in ir respective counties and the dding would have merited ce extensive mention had we n apprised of the fact earlier.

BRAIN LEAKS.

A cheap man always delivers a similar line of goods. The man who says he never makes mistakes is making a mighty big one. It costs a lot to be a "good fellow," but it costs nothing to be a good man.

This is the season of the year when everybody is advised to "do your Christmas shopping early," and nobody does it. So far we have managed to resist the temptation to purchase one of those fuzzy hats—but we can feel ourselves slipping. Nothing tickles more than the sight of a man with false teeth who thinks that he is concealing the fact that he wears 'em.

We never see a young man with a beautifully curled moustache but what we wonder a bit how much time he wasted on it.

The man or woman who knows how to grow old gracefully has acquired about all the knowledge necessary to make life worth living. If we had made the world we would have left out a lot of the troublesome things, and quite likely overlooked making most of the good things.

We are waiting for some household economic sharp to tell us how to keep the baby from kicking all the bedclothes off in the middle of the night.

We are mighty happy to relate that the Little Woman has never yet made the Architect a Christmas present manufactured after the directions for a "Beautiful Christmas Gift for Father" found in the Woman's Household Comforter.—Commoner.

Before many weeks shall have passed the COURIER will contain an article on the co-operative rural telephone, and will explain how Morgan county may have a system of telephones reaching to even the remotest parts of the county, and at a cost, after the initial building expense, of not two dollars per year to each subscriber. This plan is not a theory but has been proven by actual experience. Next to good roads the telephone is the greatest relieving the farmer from the isolation of farm life.

Look out for the railroad!

It's coming this way this time! That is, if somebody don't pour cold water on the promoters and drown them. Let's all pull together this time and land the plum. It rests with the business men of Morgan county—the men of means—as to whether we get the road or not. Has anybody observed the difference in the volume of business in West Liberty lately? Not so good as it was. What's the reason? Railroad on either side of us and none running into West Liberty.

Do you "ketch"?

Our Mr. Hovermale is having troubles of his own. Someone at Jackson appropriated his overcoat and he has been trying the Christian Science idea of imagining that it wasn't cold, and he being a young (?) widower the girls refuse to believe that the grey in his hair was caused by youthful piety, as he claims. But learning to drink water seems to be his greatest trial.

The Huntington Handle Co. have secured a location and will shortly erect a factory here for manufacturing all kinds of handles. Mr. W. O. Smith, Superintendent, was here several days this week and will have charge of the erection of the factory. This means the employment of men, a market for our hickory and money for the people. Why not get busy and see if we can not secure other factories?

GOOD ROADS.

It goes without saying that Morgan is the best agricultural county in the State. It has more and better tillable acres than any mountain county. The only drawback is its miserable roads.

If the people of this, and the other mountain counties, could but realize the actual value of good roads, if they could have a demonstration of the advantages good roads are to the farmer—the every day actual cash advantages—they would start a good roads agitation that be so ceaseless and persistent that it would succeed. The writer spent several months in Putnam county, Indiana, recently, and was astounded at the tax the people of that county WILLINGLY paid for good roads. In Clinton township the road tax alone is \$1.10 on the hundred dollars—more than our State and county taxes—but they get good roads. They are condemning and abandoning gravel roads that we would call ideal, on account of slight grades, and rebuilding with limestone macadam, and after plans equal railroad grading in the engineering. As a matter of topographical necessity we can not eliminate the hills, but scientific engineering would so overcome them that good grades could be obtained.

It will cost money to build good roads, but they are worth it. Good roads bring the market for your products to your door, saves you from isolation and gives you many of the advantages of city life without any of its disadvantages. They greatly enhance the value of your property.

In the Indiana county above named when the work of building good roads began, land was selling at from twenty to forty dollars per acre, now it rates at from forty to eighty, and going up in price still.

Let's start a movement for good roads in the mountains, and demand of the next legislature such changes in the road laws as will give such localities as desire to do so to tax and bond themselves to build good roads.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit Court convened in regular session Monday morning the 20th, with Judge J. B. Hannah in his accustomed place and Commonwealth Attorney John M. Waugh on hand ready to strike terror to the hearts of evil doers.

Grand Jury: J. B. Lewis, W. D. Archibald, J. M. Maxey, H. A. Wells, Noah Elam, Franklin Benton, Solly Back, Kelly Nickell, J. M. Murphy, Edward Burchwell, J. C. Bailey and R. H. Ferguson. H. A. Wells was appointed foreman.

Petit Jury: Spencer Fannin, S. M. Fugate, H. C. Lewis, J. R. Day, N. P. Davis, T. H. Bailey, W. W. Hall, N. B. Haney, P. E. Gullett, J. I. Prater, J. D. Anderson, J. B. Amyx, Mathew Hale, B. F. Hamilton, Newt Payton, S. M. Caudill, A. J. Hamilton, Jas. H. Lewis, S. H. Ratliff, J. C. Benton, E. A. Short, Jno. L. Cottle, Watt Cox and Will Williams.

Judge Hannah's instructions to the grand jury were strong and forceful. Up to date there has been but little business transacted except disposal of penal cases, the misde meanor docket being very large. There are but few felonies to be tried at this term and the civil docket is not large.

INAUGURATION RATES

The Morehead & North Fork Railroad announces that on account of the inauguration of Gov. McCreary it will sell round trip tickets Wrigley to Morehead for \$1.25. And that the C. & O. R. R. will sell round trip tickets from Morehead to Frankfort for \$3.05, thus giving a round trip rate from Wrigley to Frankfort for \$4.30.

Tickets on sale Dec. 11. Return limit Dec. 14.

PERSONALS

H. C. Turner, of Lexington, is visiting in town this week.

Manford Elam and Jas. Rowland, of Maytown, were in town Monday.

Attorney W. W. McGuire of Jackson, is attending court here this week.

Judge William Weddington, of Little Sandy, is attending court here this week.

A. J. Gatewood, of Mt. Sterling, is bird-hunting in this vicinity this week.

Miss Nancy Phipps, who has been quite sick for several days, is reported better.

Herbert Armitage, with Reese Kitchen Lumber Co., of Harmon, spent Sunday in town.

Attorney and Mrs. Finley E. Fogg, of Paintsville, are at the Commercial Inn this week.

Sam Lykins, deputy warden of the penitentiary at Frankfort, is here attending court here.

J. T. Hanks, a urbane "Knight of the Grip" of Campton, was at the Commercial Inn Monday.

Jo M. Kendall returned Monday from a visit to relatives in Montgomery and Clark counties.

Dr H. V. Nickell has recently removed to the Cecil property on the S. E. corner of Main and Prestonsburg.

Messrs. W. F. and G. V. Lykins, of Grassy creek, were in town Monday and paid this office a pleasant visit.

Capt. J. P. Haney, who has been attending the school for officers of the K. S. G. at Lexington, returned home Monday.

Leander Ferguson, of Relief, one of Morgan county's most substantial citizens, attended court the first part of the week.

Rev. W. F. Lykins, J. F. Gevedon, Jno. D. Henry and Billy Cecil, of Grassy Creek, were in attendance at Circuit Court Monday.

Joseph W. Perry, merchant of Bangor, is here attending court and visiting his sisters, Messdames R. M. Oakley and W. W. McClure.

J. T. Carter, late of De Hart, has recently located in West Liberty. Mr. Carter is a good citizen and we are glad to welcome him to our city.

R. H. Ferguson, of Dingus, Manford Bailey, of Silver Hill and J. D. Anderson, of Ezel, were pleasant callers at this office on Monday afternoon.

Prof. H. C. Wilson, principal of the High School here, was called suddenly to Cynthia on last Monday by a telegram telling of the death of his mother.

Mrs. Mary McClain, of Free-stone, who is visiting her father, Richard Caskey of this county, and Mrs. Anna A. Dennis, of Elk Fork, were callers at this office last Saturday.

Judge B. S. Wilson, of Morehead, is attending court here this week. Judge Wilson was recently elected to the legislature from the Bath-Rowan district, which attests his personal popularity, he being a Democrat and the district largely Republican.

Joe C. Stamper, the hustling merchant and trader, of Grassy Creek, was in town Monday and while here gave us a nice order for job work. If Morgan county were filled with men like Joe she would be infinitely better off than she is to-day.

Read the correspondence from Lamar this week, take Peanut's advice and subscribe for the COURIER.

Correspondence

DINGUS

Born, to the wife of Elbert Nickell, a girl—Casey May.

Mrs. Susan Bailey has returned home after an extended visit to Caney and West Liberty.

Dolph Day, of Lenox, and Miss Elfra Osborn were quietly married at the home of the writer on the 18th, by Rev. Ferguson. Also, on the 19th, Tony Osborn and Miss Hoyt Williams were united by Rev. C. W. Patrick.

H. C. Ferguson is suffering from an attack of la grippe.

'Squire Blevins spent a few days last week at Frankfort.

Manford Bailey is at Lexington this week on business.

B. F. Gillum has moved on U. S. Fraley's farm.

One of the largest coal veins in Eastern Kentucky was recently discovered on the lands of E. D. and A. L. Gillum, and a tract adjoining the Gillems, owned by A. L. Wingo, of Jephtha. This mammoth coal vein lies high up and is doubtless the upper vein, touching only a small amount of land. This vein has been opened for inspection and shows at one place a thickness of 9 ft 1 in.

It is rumored that a horrible accident up Salt River the night of the election. The Democrats were so accustomed to making the trip that they started before they heard the result, and were in full speed making 60 miles an hour when the Republicans heard the returns. They boarded their vessel and headed full-speed for the headwaters of that noted stream. It is stated that the g. o. p. vessel overtook the great ship, Democracy, in the narrows of the river and the first news of the overwhelming Democratic victory was hailed by Elder I. F. Coffee, of Silver Hill, who was acting chaplain, and Dr. H. V. Nickell, captain. Being overjoyed by the news, a sudden turn was ordered by Dr. Collier and the vessel collided with the g. o. p. and many lives were lost. Faithless Democrats, next time try to patiently await the result and avoid such accidents.

SLAB.

EZEL & MURPHY.

John Rose and wife visited on Grassy Sunday.

Volney Henry and wife visited G. C. Nickell and wife last Sunday.

Lee Trimble, of Mt. Sterling, was at this place last week.

Several of our people attended circuit court last Monday.

Alex Maxey, who is employed by the government at Rock Island, Ill., is home on a vacation.

Dr. A. F. Goodwin and two other gentlemen of Clark county are at this place bird hunting.

Grover and Jim Anderson, of Mt. Sterling, are hunting here.

Miss Della Clark, of Mariba, was at this place last Sunday.

Sam Richie is on the sick list.

Clifford Nickell made a trip to Pekin Saturday night.

Dr. John Goodwin and family, of West Liberty, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Goodwin.

NICK.

LAMAR.

John Oney started to Breathitt last Friday and was knocked in the head and robbed on Cow creek. He was brought home Saturday and is thought to be very badly hurt.

Sam Reed, Wm. Vance and Newt Gullett, of West Liberty Monday on business.

Wesley Oney has gone to the county of Breathitt where he has a logging job.

Arbor Day was observed here Friday and a number of plants

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The Prices Cheap

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Cole Hotel Sample Room

were present. Twenty nice trees were planted, and a foot-race School, given Tuesday night by the pupils of the High School was a success in every way and largely attended. Some of the pupils showed a remarkable histrionic talent and all who attended were well pleased. Miss Scott is to be congratulated on the manner in which she trained the pupils. We haven't space to deal individually with those who participated, much as we would like to give the pupils the individual credit they deserve.

The following births have been reported: On the 18th, to John M. Johnson and wife, a girl; 19th Prater Caskey and wife, a girl; 21st, E. B. West and wife, a boy; —, Roy Lewis and wife, a girl.

Don't forget that we want your job work and that we can do it as cheaply and as well as the other fellow.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

Having recently lost our entire stock of goods by fire and having about \$1000.00 in open accounts of our books which are now compelled to collect at once. Those owing us will please come in and settle. The insurance which we carried on our goods did not near cover our loss and in order to go into business again we must collect. Please let this notice be sufficient.

Very truly yours,
Day & Davis.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

Those who are indebted to me will by this take notice that they must call and settle at once. I have recently suffered considerable loss by fire and I must collect my accounts if I continue in business.

So please do me the kindness to call and settle at once.

Very respectfully,
HENRY COLE.

LAST NOTICE!

Unless those who are owing us come in and make settlements AT ONCE we will be compelled to enforce collection. Our business must be closed and ALL persons knowing themselves indebted to us, either by note or account, must come in and make settlement. We trust this will be headed at once and save us further trouble.

Very respectfully,
WOMACK & TURNER.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

Those owing me by note or account will please call and settle at once as I will be forced, on account of my recent loss by fire, to push collections with all possible dispatch. I hope this notice will be sufficient and that I will not have to make a second appeal.

Yours very truly,
D. R. KEETON.

You'll make a mistake if you don't get a copy of "Uncle Reven's Home Magazine" free. See ad in this issue and send in coupon to this office.

M. L. Conley and Custer Jones of Cannel City, transacted legal business town this week.

Frank McDonald, of Frankfort, is chasing the elusive quail in Morgan this week.

Rev. I. F. Coffee, of Silver Hill, was a pleasant caller at our office Wednesday.

Wm. Bramlott, of Carlisle, is attending circuit court.

Awful.
"I heard Gibbs is sick in bed," said Blithers.
"Was—he's got diarrhoea of the liver," said Jike.
"Sorrels of the liver!" cried Blithers. "Geet! 'Blik of having a woman's club internally." — Harper's Weekly.

Love it All.
When Socrates was asked why he had built for himself so small a house, he replied, "Small as it is, I wish I could fill it with friends." These, indeed, are all that a wise man would desire to assemble; for a crowd is not company, and faces are but a gallery of pictures, and talk but a dingling cymbal, where there is no love.

Hold Yourself in Reserve.
Reserve is power. He is wise who lives a good part of his life inside of himself. Too much speech is weakness. It is better to hold much of ourselves in reserve, to be discerned by degrees, and never to the uttermost limit.

Thought He Covered the Ground.
A man who was dunned by a book seller for a book delivered some time before returned the bill with this written on it: "I never ordered this book. If I did, you did not send it. If I got it, I paid for it. If I didn't, I won't."

Weight of the Blood.
There are 38 pounds of blood in the body of an average grown-up person, and at each pulsation the heart moves ten pounds.

Subterranean Aquatic Life.
The French Academy of Sciences has been asked to utilize a subterranean river at Lot for the study of aquatic animals for many generations out of the reach of sunlight.

Olive Tree 400 Years Old.
There are in Syria some olive trees which are known to be more than 400 years old. Not only are they still in a flourishing condition, but they are likely to bear fruit for a century or two longer.